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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MULDOON'S FEBRUARY 20
STATEMENT REGARDING VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND:

QUOTE. THE PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED NEWS FROM WASHINGTON
THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, MR. NELSON
ROCKEFELLER AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER WOULD VISIT NEW ZEALAND
AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL IN THE COURSE OF A SIX COUNTRY
TOUR.

MR. MULDOON SAID THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER
ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN NEW ZEALAND IN THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL
AIRCRAFT ON THE AFTERNOON OF 1 APRIL AND DEPART
ON THE MORNING OF 3 APRIL. DURING THEIR STAY IN
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WELLINGTON HEY WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND

THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES. MR. MULDOON
WILL HOST A STATE LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF
MR. ROCKEFELLER.

MR. MULDOON SAID THAT ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WOULD JOIN
HIM IN EXPRESSING PLEASURE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND
HIS WIFE WOULD BE VISITING THIS COUNTRY.

"HE AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER ARE ASSURED OF THE WARMEST
WELCOME. MR. ROCKEFELLER, NOT ONLY IN HIS PRESENT HIGH
OFFICE, BUT THROUGHOUT A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN
PUBLIC AFFAIRS, STANDS OUT AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST
DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS. HIS VISIT WILL SERVE TO REAFFIRM
AND STRENGTHEN THE MANY LINKS BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND THE
UNITED STATES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT HE WILL
BE HERE IN THE YEAR OF THE US BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS -
A YEAR IN WHICH NEW ZEALAND WILL BE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION
TO OUR TIES WITH OUR UNITED STATES FRIEND AND ALLY." UNQUOTE.
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